

Supplementary Grants.

**1. 19—(2)—Collegiate Education—Special Grants—
Rs. 10,000.**

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 under 19—2—Collegiate Education—Special Grant—for the construction of a hostel in the St. Thomas' College, Trichur. I believe it is not necessary that I should at this stage make out any case about the necessity of a hostel to a college. If we allow a college in a particular place we have to allow everything else that is necessary for it. Since the Inspection Commission visited the institution in 1928 they have been all along pressing the authorities to have hostels properly constructed for the residence of the students. That pressure has been only increased since that time. Now they have got small private residences rented and in these residences there are about 40 to 50 students. This shows that a hostel, properly constructed, is absolutely necessary for the institution. As regards the other things in the College, I have only to state that it is one of the most popular institutions in the whole Presidency. It has a strength of about 500 for the last three years. The results are also very good. I suppose this House will find it quite necessary and reasonable that this grant should be sanctioned.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Mr. President, Sir, we are meeting on an occasion.....

President.—You have to move your cut motion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Yes, Sir, I am coming to it.

President.—You should begin by saying 'I beg leave to move my cut motion.'

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I intend to incorporate it in the middle of my speech.

President.—I cannot allow that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I rise to move *a cut of one rupee from the supplementary grant of Rs. 10,000 under 19—2—Collegiate Education.*

We are meeting at a time when the whole country is mourning the loss of a great life that lived for you and for me and for us all. I am referring to the sad demise of Sjt. Sen Gupta of Bengal.

President.—I cannot allow that. You are to discuss the necessity or otherwise of the grant.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then I move that this House be adjourned in memory of Sjt. Sen Gupta.

President.—You have not given notice of it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I don't think any notice is necessary

President.—It is not seconded.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I am very pessimistic about persuading a part of a system that flings discourteous answers to humble prayers of peace from the feeling sons of the soil. You may take our attempts as a case of hoping against hopes. My idea in tabling this motion is to ascertain from the Government the definite necessity and justification for this grant. The report on the Educational Survey and our own personal information tell us that the cost of our education is every year increasing by leaps and bounds.

President.—Order please. You will please confine your remarks to the necessity for a hostel grant.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I am coming to it, Sir. We would not have minded it much if the Government could have given a corresponding accommodation for life to our educated young men and women by—say—an intensive programme of State Industrialisation in the country. They never do it nor will they ever do it unless it be by sheer force from outside. The proof for this statement of mine is contained in the emphatic 'No' I got on 18th December 1931 when I asked about an Economic Regenerative scheme from the then Hon'ble Member for Revenue who is now—to use Burkian language—decorating and cheering the elevated sphere of our Presidentship. Whatever little they do in the line is found more to benefit foreign capitalists than the indigenous masses. That citadel of conservatism on the other side must break and Providence willing, we will break it.

President.—I cannot allow you to go on like this.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Now the point is that we will not be a party to multiplying our educated unemployed. Personally I am a friend of St. Thomas and her interests. My objection is only from the standpoint of the principle involved. I have another honest doubt. Whatever pittance we can save now, are we not in honour bound to utilise for poor houses at least on the model of Ernakulam in the rest of our towns, and commercial centres, to start with? Should we so freely squander money for seeking the ranks of our educated idlers when a large section of our countrymen is denied even the elementary human right of having some shelter over their heads and a few crumbs for their belly? I feel we made a mistake in not taking this view in many other lavish expenses before. Further I am told that the St. Thomas is a very rich institution. Let the Government satisfy this House of the urgency and comparative importance of this demand and then request for it.

Mr. K. Narsimha Pai.—I have already stated that the University has been pressing them to construct hostels ever

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since 1928. The College authorities have been asking for this grant in 1927. The Government ordered to include it in the budget of 1928. As it was then anticipated that the 1928 budget would be a deficit budget it was not included in it. Now as it is found that it is a surplus budget, I think this is the proper occasion for us to grant it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the special justification and necessity for it?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Until we evolve a more satisfactory scheme we have to cling on to the present system of education and carry it on. As I said a little while ago, if the college is to be there, all the other things that are necessary for a college have also to be allowed. There is also an external authority, that is, the University. They can stop the working of the institution if they find it not properly equipped according to certain standards accepted throughout the world.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—There are equally important items as education, the feeding of the poor and the like.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is it not a building grant?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is it the policy of the Government to sanction building grants now?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—They do it occasionally. As regards the St. Thomas College no building grant was given since it was started. Occasionally some grants have been given to them for the library and the laboratory. Now they have acquired the land to the value of Rs. 20,000 of which Rs. 8,000 have been paid to the Government itself. They have incurred a sufficient expenditure to justify the giving of this grant.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government given any building grant during the last two or three years?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are there not specific rules with regard to the granting of special grants and is this ten thousand arrived at in accordance with those rules?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If the Government will give this House a definite undertaking that some urgent attempts will be made at industrialisation I won't, as a matter of grace, press the motion, provided, of course, the non-official side feels like that. The Government need not feel scandalised at the mention of the word 'industrialisation' with Soviet associations. Even in this dependent land, Bengal has recently launched upon an industrialisation programme and there is nothing preposterous in our following suit. The present grant, I am afraid, is a veritable tactical bit of the Government directed to matters entirely unconnected with this proposition. There is no necessity

for any one to deem this as an obligation from the Government, since the money is ours and if we get it for any proper purpose we are getting only our right and the Government doing but their duty. I appeal to my Hon'ble friends not to attach any importance or feelings of gratitude in a matter which is only our right.

I don't press the motion.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

President.—The question before the House is that an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 under 19—2—Collegiate Education—Special grants—be granted by this House.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Sir, I oppose that motion.

Point of Order.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—On a point of order. May I know whether without giving any notice a Member can oppose the motion?

President.—I shall refer to the rules and give my ruling to-morrow. Till then the consideration of this motion shall remain adjourned.

2. 11. Law and Justice—B. Civil Court charges—

C—T. A.—Cranganur—Rs. 67—2—0.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 67-2-0 towards Travelling Allowance under 11—Law and Justice—Civil Court Charges—Cranganur. The allotment sanctioned for the current year was seen not adequate. So a small additional allotment was found necessary. I move that the grant may be sanctioned.

Motion put and carried.

3. 11. Law and Justice—B—Civil Court Charges—

(g) Service Labels—Cranganur—Rs. 60.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 60—0—0 towards Service Labels under 11—Law and Justice—Civil Court Charges, Cranganur. The allotment for Service Labels has been found to be inadequate. Hence the additional allotment.

Motion put and carried.

Presentation of the Budget Estimate for 1109 M. E.

President.—The Finance Member will present the budget estimates.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, on a point of order.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Sir, has not a member the right to rise on a point of order at any stage?

President.—The Finance Member may go on with his speech. I shall give my decision with regard to this point of order after the Finance Member's Speech.